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Date for your Diary

Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2023

All are welcome to the Memorial outside the library, Station Road. We are gathering at 10.40am and you are welcome to lay a wreath or flowers if you wish. We look forward to seeing you.



Emissions based parking charges

At last months council meeting, we managed to get the council to commit and confirm that they will not be following other councils and implementing emissions based parking charges and resident/business parking permit emission scheme charges as this can prove costly to vehicle owners. We will be keeping an eye on this to ensure that they keep to their commitment.

ULEZ/Pay Per Mile Extraordinary Council Meeting

Following our request to call an Extraordinary meeting with other opposition members to discuss this topic and force the administration to act it was agreed by all councillors for the Council to call upon the Mayor of London to stop the expansion of ULEZ into outer London Boroughs and that we oppose any roll-out of Pay per Mile by TFL. We have also committed the council to support its vulnerable residents in applying for ULEZ exemptions and scrappage.

Whilst we are not expecting the Mayor of London to change his mind it will

certainly focus people's minds on whether to vote for the current Mayor next May when GLA and London Mayor elections take place. This ULEZ extension scheme should have been phased in over a number of years and indeed larger amounts of scrappage costs should have been given to vehicle owners of non-compliant cars. Car owners may now be paying £12.50 a day but is the air any cleaner for it?

Congratulations



A special event was held on Friday 18th August 2023 to celebrate 30 years of existence for the Harold Wood Cougars FC. In attendance were Colin Cornell, a local resident, who was instrumental in forming the club, the Club Chairman, club officers past and present and football managers past and present.

As your local Councillors may we send our congratulations on to all of you who provide football for all ages. Onwards and upwards. We wish the Harold Wood Cougars F.C much success in the future.

COUNCILLORS, EAGLING, GOODE, AND WISE

Adults with Disabilities

Following on from a topic group that I chaired on this subject earlier in the year, I have presented a number of recommendations that the group are now asking the Cabinet to implement. The group's initial focus was to consider employment opportunities for adults over 25 with a range of

disabilities including learning disabilities and Autism. The key recommendations are:

- To ask Cabinet to employ a specialised Supported employment Adviser for Adults with Disabilities to work alongside day provision and support transition to internships and paid employment
- Improve employability opportunities
- Develop schemes with local businesses to help provide employment opportunities for adults 25+
- Expanding council operated services for jobs
- Ensure Havering's local offer (16-25) is comprehensive and detailed with signposting to identify current apprenticeships
- To create, maintain and monitor 'Quality Standards' for providers within Havering and benchmark against other local authorities and more importantly establishing a formal framework for providers to set their standards and allowing frequency of monitoring and inspection
- Ensuring there is a specialised, meaningful set of activity programs for 25+ residents with disabilities.

The detailed report of the topic group can be found on our website here.

<https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2023/09/03/adults-with-disabilities-topic-group/>

CLLR DARREN WISE

Looking out for each other

Please can we remind residents that when putting out their rubbish bags for the refuse collectors, please place them at the edge of your property boundary and do not place them on the pavement. We do have a few residents that are partially sighted in our community and this can be a trip hazard for them. Your co-operation is most welcome.

Warning - Do Not Get a Parking Ticket

1. Make sure you park properly in marked bays
2. If you are unable to get a ticket from a machine use Ringo or

phone the number provided on the machine.

3. Never park on a pavement or a crossover unless it is marked with white lines.
4. You can park on the road in front of a crossover if you have the resident's permission.
5. Please check on the notice board in Tesco's at Gallows Corner for the time allowed for parking.

OCTOBER MEN'S LUNCH

The new 23-24 season is now up & running, and a warm welcome awaits you at our next Lunch to be held at St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood on:
TUESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER
– DOORS OPEN 11:30am.



Following lunch, we are very much looking forward to hearing from our special guest – JOHN McLERNON. John is Mission Director for 'Crosslinks': 'Crosslinks' is an Anglican missionary society which enables partnerships with all churches, denominations and networks which share their convictions. They strive to take God's word to God's world.

To book your place on the 10th, or for more details, please phone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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Friday 17th November – Speaker Geoff Bowden on "THE LIFE & MUSIC OF LIONEL BART" 'Reviewing his situation'

Coffee Morning

Methodist Church, The Drive, Harold Wood are having a Coffee Morning on 25th November starting at 10.00am and all are welcome.



AT LAST

The damage in the play area by the swings in Harold Wood Park has now been repaired. This is such a relief as I have been chasing this for a long while.

CLLR BRIAN EAGLING

STICK TO THE FACTS

It seems quiz shows make up most of TV time during the day. I can live with this, as I'm permanently trying to improve my all-round knowledge, even though most questions seem

to be about popular programmes which don't appeal to me. As a child I was always thirsting for facts rather than reading fiction. I must have been quite a bore! Ours was a classy society, we were all working class and further education was out of the question. I ended up showing deference to the increasing number of graduates I came across later, but with an increasing feeling their speciality made them limited in their general knowledge. I'm frequently surprised at what educated people don't know and I do. Maybe education is keeping the conversation in the field in which one is comfortable! Only last night on TV, a celebrity shrugged off a question

in a quiz which meant they had to answer 8 times 12 and this 30yr old admitted she didn't know any of the multiplication tables.

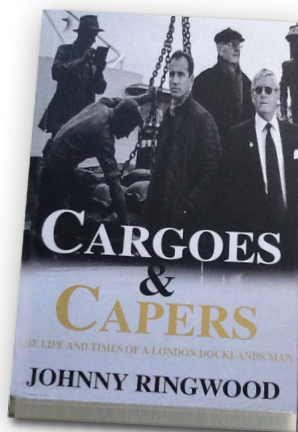
If her smart phone ran out of battery power she'd be in trouble.

Obviously, facts aren't all that matters and my thirst for collecting them shows the insecurity one feels in not being roundly educated. When a personality on TV mentions their time at "Uni" I feel they have cheated, by being on TV instead of concentrating on the subject they specialised in. Probably the first thing one learns in higher education is to feel superior. Going into the Army I met young green officers who seem to have had superiority issued with their dress uniform. I was missing out on this, so I kept reading more facts and steering conversation round to facts hoping to conceal the obvious fact I wasn't educated.

DENNIS GOODWIN

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Our dear friend Dennis Goodwin celebrated his 97th Birthday on the 7th September 2023. He has been writing wonderful nostalgic articles for our Bulletin for many years and long may it continue.



Cargoes & Capers

One of our local residents Johnny Ringwood has one of his books published and available on Amazon, if you are interested and wish to purchase then just look for the book name.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Danielle Jones who organised a Fund Raising day for the London Air Ambulance on Saturday the 8th September 2023 in Harold



Wood Park in Loving Memory of her beloved son Harvey. Lewis Tyrell, Harvey's dad, also played his part in making this a very successful day. We were pleased to support Danielle in this very worthy cause and we made a donation of £50. On what was possibly one of the hottest days of the year Danielle raised the fantastic amount of £3,800.

AT LONG LAST

After 3 months of chasing the Council, the litter bin at the bus stop in Squirrels Heath Road by Beltinge Road, has now been re-installed.



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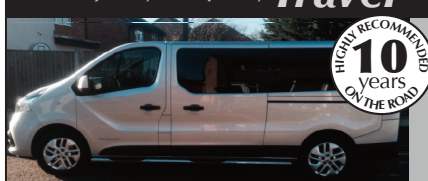


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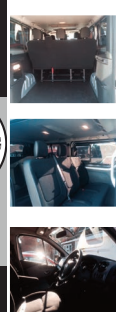
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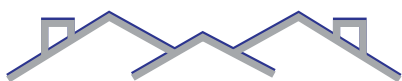
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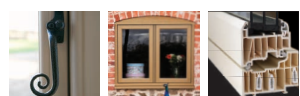
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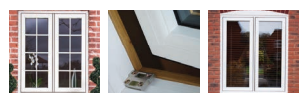


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